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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GUNN & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BAKER & CO., 37, Walbrook. SAMUEL COOK & CO., 150 & 155, Gresham Street. W. M. WILLS, 161, Queen Street, E.C.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDREW PRINCE & CO. 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

SAN FRANCISCO, and American Ports generally.—DEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., The AFRICANUS Co., Colombo.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAILEY & CO., Singapore. C. H. HEINSEK & CO., Malacca.

CHINA.—Huang, F. A. de CHUZ, Sust. the Queen & Co., Amoy, N. MOALIE, POKHAR, HEDAR & CO., Shanghai.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Intimations.

HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in the BOTANIC GARDENS, on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, the 17th and 18th February, 1887.

ALL EXHIBITS must be entered not later than the 14th instant, and PLANTS in Pots should be sent in on the 16th instant.

ADMISSION:—First Day, \$1; Second Day, 20 Cents.

Tickets for the First Day may be obtained from LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Schedule of Prizes can be obtained from CHARLES FORD, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1887. 202

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 22nd February instant, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1886.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRETT, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1887. 200

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 26th day of February current, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1886.

By Order of the Court of Directors, JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1887. 177

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th day February current (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1887. 178

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$37,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$ 200,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$37,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—Mr. MOYER, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—Mr. GROVE, Esq.

HOD. J. BELL IRVING, H. HOPKINS, Esq.

E. H. M. HUNTING-
TON, Esq.

W. H. F. DABY, Esq.

H. L. DALMUYL, Esq.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1884. 754

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CHINA MANAGER.

HONGKONG.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq., Manager.

SHANGHAI.—EVERY CAMPION, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London, and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

12 " 4 per cent. "

12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business is conducted.

Draws granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 23, 1887. 947

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. ED. MILLER to Show Birds or Lapidary in our Name from this date.

SEIMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1886. 2274

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. LOUIS PIROT in our Firm commenced on the 1st January, 1887.

HAHN, PIROT & Co.

Hongkong, January 14, 1887. 81

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will ENTER into PARTNERSHIP on the 1st January, 1887, as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS, under the Style or Firm of HUGHES & EZRA.

E. JONES HUGHES.

N. N. J. EZRA.

Hongkong, December 31, 1886. 2422

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

DEO TO CALL SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THEIR

LARGE AND VARIED STOCK OF

the following:

SOLID LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS.

PATENT LEATHER PORTMANTEAUS.

WATER-PROOF CANVAS OVERLAND TRUNKS.

AMERICAN CABIN TRUNKS.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN-MADE GLADSTONE BAGS & VALISES.

FITTED TRAVELLING BAGS and CASES.

PATENT STEEL CABIN TRUNKS.

LADIES' SATAROGA TRUNKS.

AIR-TIGHT SUITCASES.

TRAVELLING BAGS and DISPATCH BOXES.

RUGS, STRAPS and LABELS.

WATER-PROOF CANVAS HOLD-ALLS.

LEATHER BOOT CASES (for packing Boots inside Trunks).

Also,

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

TRAVELLING RUGS, CAPS, WATER-PROOFS, and UMBRELLAS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, February 2, 1887. 185

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Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.TO-NIGHT & TO-MORROW,
11th and 12th February, 1887,
will be held from 8 to 10 p.m.A FANCY FAIR AND FETE
IN AID OF THE ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
ORGAN FUND.The Fair will be held in St. George's Hall, which will be converted for the occasion into
A MEDIEVAL VILLAGE.Presided over by Russians, Swiss, Italians,
Dames of the Red Cross, Vivandieres,
La Fille du Regiment, Waitress Shop-
buddesses, Flower Girls, the Seasons,
Ladies of the Last Century, &c., &c.A WHEEL OF FORTUNE,
Under the superintendence of
MORIUS HUBBARD, DAME THOT, AND
MORIBUS GOOSE.A GIPSY ENCAMPMENT,
FOMICS TELLING.....WELL OF TRUTH
WEIGHING CHAIN.....etc., &c.IN THE THEATRE
will be performed at 10 p.m. on each
evening.AN ENTIRELY NEW AND ORIGINAL
BUREAUS EN TITLED
THE LILY OF THE HAPPY
VALLEY;THE TEST, THE TOUT, AND THE TAIFAN.
By the AUTHOR of Buttercup Bower.IN THE ST. ANDREW'S HALL
PANORAMA DESCRIBED AS THE
WAR IN THE SOUDAN.
Specially painted for this occasion by
HER LOUIS KLEIN, of London.ADMISSION, ONE DOLLAR.
Children, Soldiers, Sailors, and Police,
50 Cents.TICKETS may be obtained from MESSRS
KELLY & WALSH; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO;
and W. BREWER.TICKETS for the burlesque may be obtained
from MESSRS KELLY & WALSH.DRESS CIRCLE (numbered and re-
served) 31.
STALLS 50 Cents.A SPECIAL AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE of
the PANORAMA for CHILDREN will take
place on SATURDAY, 12th February, at
4 p.m. Admission, 50 Cents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1887. 173

SALINGER'S ENGLISH OPERA
BOUFFE COMPANY.THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALLTUESDAY,
15th February, 1887.Business Manager, - Mr. N. SALINGER,
Stage Manager, - Mr. ARTHUR RIDGE.ANOTHER GRAND CHANGE OF
PROGRAMMER. PLANQUETTE'S COMIC OPERA,
In Three Acts.Les Cloches De Corneville,
OR

THE MISER AND HIS GOLD.

Characters:

Henri Marquis de Corneille Mr. Arthur
ville Raby.
Bailli of Corneille.....Mr. Frank D'Este.
Gobo His Factotum Mr. G. C.
Wilson.Gronichoux A Fisher Lad Mr. Arthur
Wauchope.Gaspard A Miser Mr. Herbert
Ward.Sarpole A Waiter Miss Tilly
Savron.Gardine Gaspard's Niece Miss Linda
Schuster.Marius Village Goddess Mrs. N. Sa-
linger.Suzanne Village Goddess Miss Alice
Emmett.

Christo Master Magnus Salinger.

SPLENDID NEW COSTUMES AND
APPOINTMENTS.

Musical Director, - Mr. H. W. POWERS WOOD.

By kind permission of Colonel ANDERSON
and Officers, the Band of the North-
Staffordshire Regiment will play during the
interval.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Stalls, - \$2.

Back Seats, - 81.

Military and Sailors in Uniform Half
Price to Back Seats only.To avoid disappointment secure your
seats early.Desired Seats may be booked at MESSRS
KELLY & WALSH, LIMITE, where a Plan
of the Hall may be seen.

Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9.

Hongkong, February 10, 1887. 236

LUSITANO CLUB.

WEDNESDAY,

16th February 1887, at 9 p.m.

A MUSICAL CONCERT
will be given byTHE AMATEUR PUPILS
OF
MAESTRO CATTANEO,FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ORPHANS OF THE
ITALIAN CONVENT.

Admission—not under ONE DOLLAR.

Tickets may be obtained at the LUSITANO
CURN, from Saturday, the 12th Instant,
from 10 a.m., and from MAESTRO CATTANEO
from this date, No. 9, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Hongkong, February 8, 1887. 224

N. W. READY.

THE COMMERCIAL LAW AFFECT-
ING CHINESE; with special refer-
ence to PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION AND
BANKRUPT LAW IN HONGKONG.Copies may be had at the CHINA MAIL
Office, and at MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD &
CO., Price, 75 cents.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORETHE Steamship *Japan* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send
their Bills of Lading to the undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods from alongside.ANNE, German barque, Captain J. F.
Krinck—Wielert & Co.SARAH HIGGINS American ship, Capt. A.
Morgan—Ed. Schellness & Co.VICTORIA Spanish barque, Captain R.
Estival—Romedes & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS

February 11, 1887—

King Beng, British steamer, 562, F. W.
Phillips, Bungloch February 3, General.*Yun Fat HO*, Chinese steamer, 1,211, W. H.
Lunt, Swatow February 10, General—O.
M. S. N. Co.*Kung-pai*, Chinese steamer, 602, G.
Buchanan, Amoy Feb. 10, General—O. M.
S. N. Co.*Nanuo*, British air, 363, T. G. Pusey,
Fochow February 8, Amoy 9, and Swn-
toov 10, General—D. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.*Atikol*, British steamer, 923, W. Coulter,
Fochow, February 10, General—E. H. CHAN.*Indrapur*, German steamer, 783, Mass-
man, Singapore February 4, General—Bun-
HIN CHAN.*Devonshire*, Dutch steamer, 1,163, P.
Zeeuws, Fries, February 10, General—Bun-
HIN CHAN.*Jasmine*, British steamer, 395, T. Ham-
lin, Amoy February 10, General—R. H. RUS-
SELL & CO.*Esmeralda*, British steamer, 395, T. Ham-
lin, Amoy February 10, General—R. H. RUS-
SELL & CO.*Anton Gunther*, German barque, 441, F.
Steinbruegge, Sandalun and Toncon, Dec.
23, Timber—MELCHIOR & CO.

DEPARTURES

February 11—

Mount Lebanon, for Bangkok.*Actis*, for Haiphong.*Jacob Christensen*, for Kuching.*Haifeng*, for Swatow.*Polyphemia*, for Yokohama and Kobe.*Welle*, for Hainan and Pahki.*Li-yan*, for Amoy and Manila.*Dardanus*, for Singapore and London.

CLEARED

February 11—

Chelmsford, for Hoi-ho.*Fooken*, for Shanghai.*Atoll*, for Singapore.*Signal*, for Hoi-ho and Pakhoi.*Clara*, for Hoi-ho, Pakhoi and Singapore.

PASSAGERS ARRIVED

Per *Chi Yen*, from Swatow, 1 Chinese
Mandarin, and 27 Chinese.Per *Kung-pai*, from Amoy, Mrs. Seymour,
and 14 Chinese.Per *Nanuo*, from Coast Ports, Rev. Mr.
and Mrs. Harding, and Mr. J. Harding, and
17 Chinese.Per *Atoll*, from Swatow, 471 Chinese.Per *Ingraham*, from Singapore, 270 Chi-
nese.Per *Devonshire*, from Amoy, 37 Chinese.
Per *Esmeralda*, from Amoy, 39 Chinese.

DEPARTED

Per *Don Juan*, for Amoy, 30 Chinese.Per *Actis*, for Haiphong, 10 Chinese.Per *Hai-tiong*, for Swatow, 10 Chinese.Per *Welle*, for Hoi-ho, 30 Chinese.Per *Dardanus*, for Singapore, &c., 6 Chi-
nese, and 232 Chinese.

TO DEPART

Per *Atoll*, for Singapore, 481 Chinese.Per *Signal*, for Hoi-ho, 50 Chinese.Per *Clara*, for Hoi-ho, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS

The British steamer *Kong Beng* reports:

From Bangkok to Puto-Obi, light winds

winds, and a moderate N.E. wind.

From Puto-Obi, light N.W. to N.E. winds

and passing cloudy.

From Cape Padan to port, moderate in fresh N.E. to Northern

winds, overcast sky and high sea.

The Chinese steamer *Chi Yen* reports:

Had moderate to fresh N.E. breezes, and

fine clear weather.

On the 10th instant, at 11.40 p.m., passed P. & O. steamer, bound north.

The Chinese steamer *Kung-pai* reports:

Had moderate N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Nanuo* reports:

Left Fochow on February 8th, and to

Asia experienced strong N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Amoy on Feb. 9th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Fochow on February 10th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Amoy on Feb. 11th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Fochow on February 12th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Amoy on Feb. 13th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Fochow on February 14th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Amoy on Feb. 15th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Fochow on February 16th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Amoy on Feb. 17th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Fochow on February 18th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Amoy on Feb. 19th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

Left Fochow on February 20th, and to

Asia experienced moderate N.E. winds and

overcast weather.

requested by His Excellency The Acting Governor, who is unfortunately unavoidably prevented from being present with us to-day, to say—that the Government is prepared to co-operate with the public of Hongkong in celebrating Her Majesty's Jubilee year in a manner befitting the occasion, and is ready to take into consideration any definite proposal on the subject that may be made to it in accordance with the wishes of the Community, and that His Excellency considers that any steps that may be taken in this connection should be fully supported by His Most Gracious Majesty, if they were the spontaneous act of the loyal community of Hongkong and that for this reason the Government has not yet moved in the matter, although the subject has been under its consideration. This seems to be the view that has been taken of the matter by the Home Government, as I find that in Parliament a somewhat similar question was asked and a similar answer was given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr Lawson for Mr Shirley is reported to have asked and the Chancellor of the Exchequer replied as follows:—

'Mr. Lawson, for Mr. Shirley, asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether it was the intention of the Government that the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne should be appropriately observed in some manner, and whether it would give pleasure and satisfaction to all loyal subjects, if so, whether he could state if the Government had considered the manner in which such celebration would most fitly place, and whether their attention had been drawn to the recent suggestion of the Prince of Wales as to the Colonial Exhibition.'

'The Chancellor of the Exchequer said:—Of course, it would be a matter of great interest to Her Majesty's Government that the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign should be marked by appropriate celebrations, and, of course, the Government will consider the question as far as it lies in their province to do so; but all celebrations of this kind will probably possess greater value so far as they arise from the spontaneous action of the people.'

AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO ANOTHER ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of an Ordinance to remove doubts as to the application of the Ordinance of 1876, or as to the better protection of Chinese women and children. In the preamble or title it was stated that the ordinance was for the better protection of Chinese women and children, but in the body of the ordinance the word Chinese was omitted. He, the Attorney General, had been informed that under this ordinance persons had been found guilty of bringing into the Colony other women than Chinese. Lately, however, a doubt had arisen as to whether under these circumstances the ordinance can be applied to persons guilty of offences against other women than Chinese. He was sure that his friend opposite (the Acting Colonial Secretary) would be willing to amend the ordinance so as to remove this doubt, and that an extensive emigration among Chinese women and even Japanese women had been stopped by the amendment of the ordinance, which will now remove these doubts.'

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded, and in doing so it was exceedingly necessary that all doubts should be removed with respect to this question. Before he came to the Colonial Secretary's office, the trade in Chinese girls was increasing, and the hardships to which these poor creatures were subjected was really very distressing. The French Consul in this matter was exceedingly good. The hon. member had frequently seen the *French Daily News* out of his own pocket on their passage home. The traffic was increasing rapidly, and if nothing was not done to put a stop to it, it would become a serious matter. The bill was then read a second time.

THE GARRISON OF ARMS.

EUROPEAN ARMS.—*TO MAKE OUT LICENSES.*

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on a bill entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the carrying and possession of arms."

On coming to section 6, the Acting Attorney General moved the deletion of section 7, explaining that their provisions were to be introduced into two other ordinances which were under the consideration of the Law Revision Committee as he thought they would more appropriately find their place there in the present ordinance. Section 6 provided against persons unlawfully possessing offensive weapons and section 7 against any person keeping in any house, or store, &c., more than 100 lbs. of powder. This bill was introduced by the Acting Colonial Secretary and carried.

On section 8 having been read, the hon. P. Ryrie suggested that the license fee for registration of importers of and dealers in arms should be reduced from \$5 to \$10. \$3 he thought, was quite enough. \$10 was rather a heavy charge.

The Acting Attorney General—One of our principal reasons for charging a fee was to get the names of the importers and dealers in arms. It is not sought to make a revenue out of it. If the majority of the Council think \$10 too much, there will be no objection by the Government to reduce it to \$5.

Hon. Mr. Chater seconded, and the suggestion was adopted, the section being amended.

A discussion also arose on this clause as to who the persons required to register should be. The Ordinance requires that the registration shall be done at the Central Police Station; but the President thought it would be better if the registration were done at the Registrar General's Office; it would be better to have it in Queen's Road, and save the dealers from having to go up to the Police Station.

The Surveyor General—The object is for police purposes why should not the registration be at the Police Office?

The Chief Justice—There is no object in making a name to the Police Station if he can be registered elsewhere.

The Surveyor General—It is a roundabout way of doing what might be done directly.

The Acting Attorney General—Will not consider the matter between this and next Friday.

Clause 8 was then allowed to stand over. On coming to clause 12, which gives the power to Magistrates to issue search warrants and the Police to make the search of any house, store or place, Hon. Wong Shing said—I wish to mention that most of the Chinese pawnshops keep Chinese words in their shop not for sale but simply to defend themselves. Will they have to take out a license?

The Acting Attorney General—Yes, Hon. Mr. Ryrie—Most people keep arms as an old custom. I have not a collection of ancient arms in my lobby, for which I suppose will have to take out a license.

The President—Everybody with arms will have to take out a license.

The Surveyor General—The only application to me.

The President—Everybody in possession of arms will have to take out a license under section 4.

Hon. A. P. MacEwen—Say, keeping a gun for sporting purposes or a pistol. Will one have to take out a license for that?

The Acting Attorney General—Yes. We

have tried to confine the ordinances to China and Asia, but are unable to do so. It is thought only that the Ordinance should refer to every one.

The President—The Governor in Council will be inundated with applications for licenses.

The other sections of the Ordinance having been read and approved of, the hon. A. P. MacEwen said—Sir I trust the hon. member will see his way clear to make some alterations in that clause with reference to private individuals. As I said before it is very unnecessary. It is very similar to the law in Manul, where you have to register. There cannot take a fire-arm into the place that somebody will arrest you. I think in a British Colony such a law is quite unnecessary.

The Acting Attorney General—It is very necessary that we should have an Ordinance regulating the carrying of arms in Hongkong. Only the night before last an armed band was seen on the Praya in search of opium; and, I only before the Court of Assizes there have been several instances of crimes being committed by persons armed with very dangerous weapons. Such an Ordinance is necessary, and it is very difficult indeed to make it apply to only one section of the community. I will take note of the hon. member's remarks, and if it is possible to make any concession, I will do so. The matter has already been considered in Executive Council. We did not intend it to be general, but we find it necessary to do so.

The Acting Colonial Secretary—It would be necessary to register only once; it is not as if one had to take out his license annually. P. Ryrie—I don't know whether I am in order, but there is another ordinance about shooting game, passed last year, which is of no use now. The Game Society has very miserably collapsed and I don't think that Ordinance should remain. Who is going to pay \$10 a year for shooting game on this island?

The discussion then dropped.

THE CATTLE AND MARKETS ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney General withdrew the present Cattle and Markets Ordinance, and promised to bring in the new ordinance which has been submitted by the Secretary Board as soon as it was submitted.

With regard to this bill, which was to have been considered in Committee this afternoon, the Acting Attorney General laid on the table several amendments which he proposed last week, and proposed that they should go into Committee again on the bill next week, by which time the amendments will have been printed and circulated.

THE TRIAD SOCIETY.

The Acting Colonial Secretary intimated that the report of the Commission who enquired into the Triad and Secret Societies was now in the hands of the printers and would probably be in his possession by the middle of this day.

THE LIBEL LAW.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, an Ordinance to amend the Law respecting Defamation, Words and Libel was read a third time and passed.

The Council was then adjourned until this day at four o'clock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CHINESE CALENDAR, &c.

To the Editor of "THE CHINA MAIL".

1st February 1887.

—The Hongkong Daily Press Director gives the time of new moon at Shanghai as 3rd 11h. 45m. 47s. p.m.; and the N.C. Daily News gives the time at Shanghai as 25th. 0h. 15m. 35s. a.m. These are both correct for Hongkong and Shanghai respectively. Peking is about 20° East of Hongkong, which corresponds to nearly 10 minutes of time. Therefore the time of new moon at Peking would be 24d. 11h. 56m. p.m., or about 5 minutes before midnight on the 24th. The difference of time between the two cities is 16h. 56m. and the 3rd of this month begins about 5 minutes before midnight on the 24th. The Hongkong *Directory* is inconsistent with itself in rating the 1st day of the moon on the 25th of March. Yours &c.,

J. CHALMERS.

THE HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Committee.—The Hon. E. J. Ackroyd, The Hon. J. Bell-Irving, The Right Revd. Bishop Burdon (Chairman), The Revd. Dr. Chalmers, D. R. Crawford, Esq., H. W. Davis, Esq., N. J. Ede, Esq., E. H. M. Huntington, Esq., The Hon. T. Jackson, The Revd. W. Jennings, M.A., G. R. Lammer, Esq., The Hon. A. P. MacEwen, The Revd. J. B. Os, J. Walter, Esq.

Head-Master.—J. Bateman, formerly Head-Master of Modern Department, Trent College, Nottingham; Head-Master of Alcock's School, Bulwer on Trent; Head-Master of British Orphan Asylum, St. Osgood's.

Report for 1886.

The Committee of the Public School submit their seventh Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. In doing so they feel able to assure the subscribers that the prospects and condition of the School afford no occasion for encouragement that has ever been the case before.

The Committee feel that in Mr Bateman they have secured a thoroughly able, conscientious, and hard-working Head-Master, whose *value* in the Colony have not been slow to recognise. The attendance at the School has nearly doubled during the year under report, having increased from 37 to 70, and the Committee are not now so much embarrassed, not as it former by the small number of pupils for whom they have to provide an education, but by its sudden and rather unexpected increase. It has become necessary to rent accommodation for the Head Master out of St. Paul's College, and this of course seriously adds to the working expenses.

Through the enterprise and perseverance of Mr Bateman, the Colony has been brought into relation with the Syndicate for the Cambridge Local Examinations, and the first Public Examination under the authority of that body was held in December. The Public School presented eleven candidates (Juniors). The result will not be known for some months, and though the Committee do not expect any marked success, they trust that the result of the examination will be satisfactory and the short time of preparation it cannot be doubted that these examinations will give a great impetus to education, not only in the Public School, but also throughout the Colony. It is hoped to arrange with the Cambridge Syndicate for an annual Examination of the Public School each summer.

A candidate was presented for the Government Scholarship, for which there were two competitors. Both, however, failed to obtain the number of marks necessary for the winning of this valuable prize.

The most trying part of the somewhat arduous duties annually undertaken by the Committee yet remains to be done. It is necessary again to appeal to the Community for subscriptions. There is no hope that the School will be self-supporting for at least ten years to come, but, with care

and perseverance, it will eventually become so there can be no reasonable doubt. The Endowment Fund is steadily growing, and now amounts to \$8,894. The Committee feel that nobody interested in the welfare of the School, and in the welfare of the objects arc more interested than that of providing a secondary education for the lads who are so rapidly growing up, many of them to be our future citizens, than inheinately asking that clause with reference to private individuals.

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